

NOTICES OF HEARINGS

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I wish to announce that the Committee on Rules and Administration will meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 10 a.m., to conduct an executive business meeting to consider the nomination of William J. Boorman, of Maryland, to be the public printer.

For further information regarding this hearing, please contact Lynden Armstrong at the Rules and Administration Committee, (202) 224-6352.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a field hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., at the Santa Fe Convention and Visitors Center, 201 W. Marcy St., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The purpose of the hearing will be to receive testimony on the current drought conditions affecting New Mexico and the status of reports to be issued pursuant to Sections 9503 and 9506 of the SECURE Water Act regarding a review of the current scientific understanding of the impacts of climate change on water resources and an assessment of the risks associated with climate change on water resources in certain river basins.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Meagan_Gins@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Tanya Trujillo at (202) 224-5479 or Meagan Gins at (202) 224-0883.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the ses-

sion of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 2:45 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room 366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 10 a.m. in Dirksen 406 to conduct a joint hearing entitled "Natural Gas Drilling: Public Health and Environmental Impacts."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS AND SUBCOMMITTEE ON CLEAN AIR AND NUCLEAR SAFETY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works and the Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 12:45 p.m. in Dirksen 406 to conduct a joint hearing entitled "Review of the Nuclear Emergency in Japan and Implications for the U.S."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Best Practices In Tax Administration: A Look Across the Globe."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 2:15 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 10 a.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "The Fair Elections Now Act: A Comprehensive Response to Citizens United."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON CRIME AND TERRORISM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate, on April 12, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in room SD-226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, to conduct a hearing entitled "Cyber Security: Responding to the Threat of Cyber Crime and Terrorism."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, FEDERAL SERVICES, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Examining the President's Plan for Eliminating Wasteful Spending in Information Technology."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs' Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 12, 2011, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing entitled "Financial Literacy: Empowering Americans to Make Informed Financial Decisions."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. FRANKEN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that floor privileges be granted to Ashley White of my staff for the duration of the consideration of the pending bill, S. 493.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Amy Groshong, Rosie Romano, and Taylor Trovillon of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today's session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 2011 first quarter Mass Mailings is Monday, April 25, 2011. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states "none."

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office at (202) 224-0322.

CONGRATULATING LADY AGGIES OF TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 142.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 142) congratulating the Lady Aggies of Texas A&M University on winning the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 142) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 142

Whereas the Texas A&M University women's basketball team, the Lady Aggies, won its first National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship (referred to in this preamble as the "national championship") by defeating Notre Dame by a score of 76 to 70, becoming the first team to win the national championship title on its initial try since 2005;

Whereas the Lady Aggies finished the 2010-2011 season with an impressive record of 33 wins and 5 losses;

Whereas Coach Gary Blair brought the Lady Aggies to their first NCAA National Women's Basketball Championship with a starting lineup that included Danielle Adams, Sydney Carter, Sydney Colson, Adaora Elonu, and Tyra White;

Whereas Tyra White led the Lady Aggies to victory with a 3-point shot with only 65 seconds remaining on the clock and was named to the all-tournament team;

Whereas All-American Danielle Adams scored 30 points, the second-highest number of points ever scored in a national championship game, and finished the 2010-2011 season with more than 800 points;

Whereas the Lady Aggies should all be commended for their teamwork;

Whereas Texas A&M University joins the ranks of the University of Texas, Baylor, and Texas Tech as women's basketball national champions, demonstrating the excellence of Texas A&M University in both athletics and academics;

Whereas the Lady Aggies have significantly advanced the sport of women's basketball by demonstrating hard work and sportsmanship;

Whereas the Lady Aggies overcame intense competition and defied expectations in a very exciting final game;

Whereas the accomplishment of the Lady Aggies is another testament to the strength of women across the State of Texas; and

Whereas the Lady Aggies are the pride of their loyal fans, current and former students, and the rest of the Lone Star State: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates the Lady Aggies of Texas A&M University on—

(1) winning the 2011 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Basketball Championship; and

(2) completing the 2010-2011 women's basketball season with a record of 33 wins and 5 losses.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL SAFE DIGGING MONTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 143.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 143) supporting the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, there be no intervening action or debate, and that any statements relating to this measure be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 143) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 143

Whereas each year, the underground utility infrastructure of the United States, including pipelines, electric, gas, telecommunications, water, sewer, and cable television lines, is jeopardized by unintentional damage caused by those who fail to have underground lines located prior to digging;

Whereas some utility lines are buried only a few inches underground, making the lines easy to strike, even during shallow digging projects;

Whereas digging prior to locating underground utility lines often results in unintended consequences, such as service interruption, environmental damage, personal injury, and even death;

Whereas the month of April marks the beginning of the peak period during which excavation projects are carried out around the United States;

Whereas in 2002, Congress required the Department of Transportation and the Federal Communications Commission to establish a 3-digit, nationwide, toll-free number to be used by State "One Call" systems to provide information on underground utility lines;

Whereas in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated "811" as the nationwide "One Call" number for homeowners and excavators to use to obtain information on underground utility lines before conducting excavation activities;

Whereas "811" has helped reduce the amount of digging damage caused by a fail-

ure to call before digging from 57 percent in 2004 to 37.5 percent in 2009;

Whereas the 1,400 members of the Common Ground Alliance, who are dedicated to ensuring public safety, environmental protection, and the integrity of services, promote the national "Call Before You Dig" campaign to increase public awareness about the importance of homeowners and excavators calling 811 to find out the exact location of underground lines; and

Whereas the Common Ground Alliance has designated April as "National Safe Digging Month" to increase awareness of safe digging practices across the United States and to celebrate the anniversary of 811, the national "Call Before You Dig" number: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month; and

(2) encourages all homeowners and excavators throughout the United States to call 811 before digging.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 106-79, appoints the following Senator to Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission: the Senator from Kansas, Mr. MORAN.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 94-118, Section 4(a)(3), appoints the Senator from Alaska, Ms. MURKOWSKI, to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 96-388, as amended by Public Law 97-84, appoints the following Senator to the United States Holocaust Memorial Council for the 112th Congress: the Senator from Utah, Mr. HATCH.

The Chair announces, on behalf of the Republican leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105, adopted April 13, 1989, amended by S. Res. 149, adopted October 5, 1993, as amended by Public Law 105-275, adopted October 21, 1998, further amended by S. Res. 75, adopted March 25, 1999, amended by S. Res. 383, adopted October 27, 2000, and amended by S. Res. 355, adopted November 13, 2002, and further amended by S. Res. 480, adopted November 21, 2004, the appointment of the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 112th Congress: Senator JON KYL of Arizona, administrative cochairman; Senator MITCH MCCONNELL of Kentucky, cochairman; Senator THAD COCHRAN of Mississippi, cochairman; Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM of South Carolina, cochairman; Senator RICHARD LUGAR of Indiana; Senator JEFF SESSIONS of Alabama; Senator BOB CORKER of Tennessee; Senator JOHN MCCAIN of Arizona; Senator JIM RISCH of Idaho; and Senator ROY BLUNT of Missouri.

The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), appoints the Senator from Texas, Mrs. HUTCHISON, from the Committee on Appropriations, and the Senator from North Carolina, Mr. BURR, at large, to